HON'BLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE C.V. NAGARJUNA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.4718 OF 2007

Between:

P. Venkateswara Rao

…Petitioner

AND

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Rep., by its Principal Secretary, Mines &
Geology Department, Secretariat Buildings,
Hyderabad and four others

...Respondents

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Counsel for the petitioner : Shri B. Sreerama Krishna

8th March, 2007

Per G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

In this petition, the petitioner has made the following substantive prayer:

> "In the circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble High Court may be pleased to issue a WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION, more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the proceedings issued by the 3rd respondent vide Rc.No.626/2001P.1, dated 21.12.2006 in granting lease hold rights in respect of Pedapulipaka Sand Reach bearing No.8 on the left flood bank of the Krishna River at Pedapulipaka village in Penamaluru Mandal of Krishna District and consequently executed lease agreement as arbitrary, illegal besides violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) and provisions of A.P.Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 1966 and consequently direct the official respondents to conduct the public auction as per law and as may be directed by this Hon'ble High Court and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble High Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case".

After arguing the case for sometime, learned counsel for the petitioner made a request that his client may be permitted to withdraw this petition with liberty to apply for intervention in Suo Motu Writ Petition No. 5405 of 2007.

The request of the learned counsel is accepted and the writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty in terms of the prayer made.

As a sequel to dismissal of the writ petition, WPMP No. 6029 of 2007 filed by the petitioner for interim relief is disposed of as infructuous.

G.S. SINGHVI, C.J.

C.V. NAGARJUNA REDDY, J.

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